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THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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Attention

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Dear Sirs :

I could not help reading the enclosed article in the Sunday Evening Star to call your attention to the fact (if the reports about the contents are right) that whereas the Soviet Magazine, which I will try to buy and even to subscribe, contains scientific articles to begin with, we have only illustrated in the good old way (and which failed thus far) that we have motor cars and refrigerators.

Both magazines will shun political propaganda, thus it falls outside your domain, that is to say in a theoretical point of view.

But..... I have an item which might interest the Russian scientists, of which there are many; The REASON OF GRAVITY.

It started in the issue of the communications paper of some dutch engineers in September 1955. It was discussed on November 5 th 1955 in Rotterdam and could not be refuted. At the same time nobody had ever heard this reason before and could have not answered the question.

On November 10 th 1955 I asked Professor Fred Singer. Neither he or the 250 engineers and scientists attending the lecture could answer the question.

Then I asked the Naval Research Laboratories. Its director wrote me in all honesty that scientists had not found the answer yet. It took 4 month to answer my question.

I asked the General Electric Company. They called it a monumental question, but did not know the answer.

I asked Mr. Cyrus Eaton who has the most magnificent connection in scientific circles. Neither he or his friends could answer the questions and when I sent them the solution could say that I was wrong.

The Central Intelligence Agency with some 10000 or more employees at its disposition could neither say that I was wrong.

I asked Glen Martin in Baltimore. They sent me a few days ago an explanation and the basis on which they calculated the missile. Which was wrong, but no answer on the question.

In Mechanical Engineering appeared another satellite by Chrysler. Thus I asked the ASME of which I am a member. It took three letters and two with return postage to hear that they had sent my question to Chrysler.

From Chrysler I received also a letter with some description but not with the reason, thus I sent mine and on which I could not get an answer yet.

After all, the reason of gravity and makes that we fall down interests or rather must interests us all.

What about such an article in our magazine in Russia ? It is not politics and the Russians scientists might be interested as in it would appear also the meaning of time and space and..... money. The Russians ought to be pretty dumb if they could not come to some different conclusions as Father Karl Marx or to soften the impact, Mr. Adam Smith and Ricardo proposed. Though here is only exact applied science involved.

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REVIEWER:

The magazine America is a Government issue and I dont know which Agency it issues. Probably some newsmen are involved who understand less about all these affairs as anybody else and certainly they would not accept such an article without somebody telling them intelligently that it might be worthwhile to do it.

My english had anyhow to be translated into Russian thus this would not be of great inconvenience.

Mr. Vannevar Bush wrote me that, just before he left the Carnegie Institute that anyhow he was too old and wanted to retire to study anything new. I have my doubts about the National Science Foundation. But to place a most efficient article it had certainly to be a kind of team work. I know at least one American University which could give a hand, the University of Pittsburgh, via its Professor O.L. Reiser. Though I would not care one letter if it is perhaps better not to place any special name under the article, which might be discussed in Egyptian scientific papers and which might come to the conclusion that their hero Nasser who is distinctly somewhat Soviet minded does not know what he is talking about but what might lead easily to another world war if we let him go away with it and it is only one step to loose the Panama Canal.

The Nasser affair must convince at least somebody that our present tactics of motor cars and refrigerators are not so efficient after all.


The letters of the above companies are at your disposition. The reason for the General Electric was political. On May 23 th 1956 they issued a News Letter - POLITICAL HELPLESSNESS OF BUSINESS HURTS EVERYBODY.-

At the end of this "wailing " letter appeared the sentence by Edmund Burke : " The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men to do nothing. "

I am not saying that the Government Agencies are really bad. They do or at least try to do something. However the results have been Korea, Mossadegh and now Nasser. And not only that but also some Senatorial Committees in order to save our souls from becoming red in our very home.

I myself are a bad man, writing such letters, but I would feel myself worse if I did not.

Very truly yours,


B.G.H. Vanderjagt.

Magazines With Missions

Two brand-new, brightly colorful, slickest-of-paper magazines make their debut this week simultaneously in the United States and the Soviet Union. One, the publication of the United States Information Agency and called "America," will go on sale on Russian newsstands for 5 rubles—the equivalent of \$1.25 per copy at the official rate of exchange. The other, "USSR," published in Washington and printed in the United States for the Soviet Union, goes on sale here, mail subscriptions getting first preference, for a subscription rate of \$1.00 for six months or \$1.80 for one year. Single copy price, 20 cents.

Published and distributed by reciprocal agreement between the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union, both magazines follow the same picture-magazine format, make generous use of color, and include 65 pages. Both are rich in illustrations and eye-catching layouts, and both include a variety of subject matter generally angled to acquaint readers with life in the other country. Both appear to shun overt political propaganda.

"USSR" reports on the Soviets' new jet transport, the TU-104; major 5-year plan construction projects under way; concrete slab construction; ballet; technicum education; training for Olympics, which the Soviet Union hopes to win;

chess; nuclear theory; women athletes. Igor Kurchatov, one of Russia's top nuclear physicists, explains more simply, and in more detail than has appeared in any American publication coming to The Star's attention, how thermonuclear reactions (to produce power) might be confined in strong magnetic fields.

"America" tells of the imposing New York skyline; primeval forests; the easy home life of the average American mother; the Philadelphia Symphony; rolling, fertile farmlands with their well-kept buildings and machinery; modern architecture; unsegregated sports competition; Benjamin Franklin; 1956 automobiles (with the stress

on variety in styles and colors); astronomy.

"America" is a revival project—the rebirth of a similar magazine published for three years until July, 1952. The deepening fridity of the cold war forced its suspension. "USSR" marks the first such venture on the part of the Soviet Union in the United States.

"America" is printed in West Berlin, and the printing quality is excellent, with color registry and hue of startlingly high accuracy. "USSR," printed in the United States, presents color generally below acceptable magazine standards here, with the important exception of several pages obviously given special attention.

